

Gates. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Herbert introduced a bill to incorporate the Columbus & Tap Railway Company. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

A bill to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office, to issue patents upon surveys made not in the form required by law. Read 2nd time and on motion of Mr. Lott, made the special order for Saturday, the 17th inst.

The report of the Judiciary committee, on a bill for the relief of purchasers of University Lands, proposing amendments was read, amendments adopted, and on motion of Mr. Hart, the bill was made the special order for to-morrow, the 13th inst.

On motion of Mr. Guinn, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M., to-morrow.

TUESDAY, December 13th, 1859.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Duggan presented the petition of the County court of Comal County, in reference to levying tax for special purposes. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Stockdale, chairman of the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported a bill to provide for patenting Headright Certificates, not presented to the Court of Claims, for approval within the time prescribed by law, and for issuing duplicate and unlocated balance certificates, correctly enrolled, properly signed, and presented to the Governor on yesterday.

Mr. Shepard, chairman of the committee on Public Debt, to whom was referred the petition of James McGee & Co., for a balance due them of \$27 57-100, reported favorably to the petition and recommend that the claim be referred to the committee on Finance, with instructions to them to place the same on the general appropriation bill.

Mr. Guinn, chairman of the committee on Claims and Accounts, made the following report:

The committee on Claims and Accounts to whom was referred the petition of A. H. Cook, have considered the same, and find that the subject-matter contained, properly should come before the committee on the Judiciary, and they have instructed me to report it back to the Senate, and ask that it be referred to that committee.

On motion of Mr. Guinn, the rule was suspended, the report taken up and adopted.

Mr. Rainey, chairman of the committee on Agriculture, made the following report :

The committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred a bill to incorporate the Gulf Coast Fair Association, located at Victoria, have considered the same, and believing that enterprises of this kind contribute, in a large degree, to the development and general advancement of the Agricultural interests of the State, by exciting a spirit of emulation among the producers, and encouraging a common desire for the progress and improvement in all the varied branches of Agriculture, have therefore authorised me to report the said bill back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

Mr. Hyde, chairman of the committee on Private Land Claims, made the following report :

The committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Jose Leonovido de la Garza Treedo, applying for a first class Headright Certificate, have had the same under consideration, and find from the evidence that the petitioner is and has been for many years a citizen of Texas. That at the date of the Declaration of Independence, he was residing in Bexar, a married man, and the head of a family, that he never aided the enemy, and stood faithfully on the Texan side, that by virtue of the Constitution and laws &c., is justly entitled to a Headright Certificate of the 1st class, for one league and one labor of land. I am therefore instructed to report favorably on said petition, and to recommend the passage of the accompanying bill.

A bill for the relief of Jose Leonovido de la Garza. Read 1st time.

The committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the following bill and memorial, have instructed me to report the same back, and recommend their rejection, for the reasons that the proof is insufficient to sustain the relief sought.

Bill for the relief of Joel Williams.

Bill for the relief of Henry Klouse.

Memorial of E. Vought.

Mr. Duggan offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on Finance, be requested to enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill to provide for the pay of all troops who have participated in quelling of the Cortinas insurrection, and for the payment of those who have borne expresses, to and from the Governor. Adopted.

Mr. Paschal introduced the following resolution :

Resolved, By the Legislature of the State of Texas, That the prompt and energetic action of Gov. Wise of Virginia, and of President Buchanan, in suppressing the outbreaks at Harper's Ferry, and in their efforts to capture the insurgents, evince a degree of manliness and patriotism, honorable alike to them, and worthy of our warm admiration.

Resolved, That we pledge the State of Texas, to uphold and support the State of Virginia, and the President of the United States in the position they have assumed in connection with the unfortunate affair, and we earnestly counsel the utmost vigilance in guarding against the recurrence of similar conspiracies in our own borders, or elsewhere at the South.

3rd. That the prompt action of Gov. Packer of Pennsylvania in surrendering the fugitives who have taken refuge in that State, entitle him to the confidence and esteem of the South.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Parsons introduced a bill explanatory of the Statutes now in force, directing the mode of taking and returning depositions of witnesses in civil cases, and authorising certain officers to take depositions. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Fall, chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following bills correctly engrossed :

A bill to incorporate Solado College in Bell county.

A bill to incorporate Starrville Union Academy.

Mr. Wallace introduced a bill to enable the vendor of real estate, to retain his lien on the land sold for the purchase money due thereon, although the vendor may have taken other security real or personal, for the payment of the purchase money. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

On motion of Mr. Stockdale, the report of the committee on Agriculture, on a bill to incorporate the Gulf Coast Fair Association was taken up, bill read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Rainey, the rule was suspended, bill read 3rd time and passed by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Chambers, Dickinson, Duggan, Erath, Fall, Gentry, Grimes, Guinn, Harman, Hart, Herbert, Hyde, Lott, Martin, Parsons, Paschal, Pitts, Potter, Quinan, Rains, Rainey, Scarborough, Schleicher, Shepard, Sims, Stockdale, Throckmorton, Townes, Wallace and Whaley—30.

NAYS—none.

A bill for the relief of purchasers of University Lands, being the special order.

Mr. Stockdale offered the following amendments :

“Insert after the word “Governor” in 5th line of committee’s amendment, the words “in writing.”

Strike out in 6th line the word “object” and insert the words “desire and assent.”

Insert in line 10 after the word “shall” the word “not.”

Strike out the words “without regard to” in line 13, and insert the words “but shall allow.”

Mr. Throckmorton offered a substitute for the bill, “authorizing the Governor to postpone the sale of University lands, that have been forfeited for non-payment of the annual instalments required by law.”

Mr. Paschal offered the following as an amendment to the substitute.

“Provided that the surety or sureties, shall cause his or their assent in writing, to such postponement to be filed in the office of the Secretary of State, on or before the first day of March next, 1860; and farther provided this act shall not be so construed as to release the surety or sureties from his or their obligation or any bond or bonds given for the purchase of any of the University lands.”

On motion of Mr. Guinn, the amendment and the substitute were laid on the table.

The question recurring on the adoption of Mr. Stockdale’s amendment was put and carried.

The bill was then passed to a third reading.

A bill to perfect land claims of colonists in Castro’s colony, for the final settlement of all classes of claims for said colony, being special order.

On motion of Mr. Paschal, the words “now on file in the Secretary of State’s office” were stricken out.

Mr. Britton moved to insert in 6th section, the words “as defined in the original contract.” Carried.

Mr. Walker offered the following amendment :

“Provided that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to entitle any one to a certificate for land as a colonist, who was not a resident citizen of said colony prior to the 15th day of February, 1847.”

Mr. Paschal moved to lay the amendment on the table upon which the yeas and nays being called stood as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Britton, Duggan, Hyde, Paschal, Potter, Quin-

an, Scarborough, Schleicher, Shepard, Stockdale, Throckmorton and Townes—12.

YEAS—Messrs. Chambers, Dickinson, Erath, Fall, Grimes, Guinn, Harman, Hart, Herbert, Lott, Martin, Parsons, Pitts, Rains, Rainey, Sims, Walker Wallace and Whaley—19.

On motion of Mr. Rainey, the bill was indefinitely postponed by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Chambers, Dickinson, Erath, Fall, Grimes, Guinn, Harman, Hart, Herbert, Lott, Martin, Parsons, Pitts, Rains, Rainey, Sims, Townes, Walker, Wallace and Whaley—20.

NAYS—Messrs. Britton, Duggan, Hyde, Paschal, Potter, Quinn, Scarborough, Schleicher, Shepard, Stockdale and Throckmorton—11.

A bill to regulate the election of the Superintendent of the Penitentiary.

Mr. Throckmorton offered the following amendment :

“An election shall be held at the same time for a superintendent of the Lunatic, a superintendent of the Blind and a superintendent of the Deaf and Dumb Asylums.”

Mr. Paschal offered the following amendment :

“Also a State Geologist, Cotton Weighers and State Engineer.”

On motion of Mr. Stockdale, the bill and the amendments was referred to the committee on State Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Hart, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M., to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, December 14th, 1859.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Townes presented the petition of Charles Sheppard for relief. Referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Grimes presented the petition of W. E. Price, regarding fugitive slaves. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Rains presented the petition of James English for relief. Referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Hyde, chairman of the committee on Private Land Claims, made the following reports :

The committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred a bill for the relief of A. H. Booth;